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1. AS NOTED REFTEL (B), BDG WILL NOT HAVE COMPLETED ITS OWN PREPARATIONS FOR SUBJECT MEETINGS UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER AND HENCE, IT POSSIBLE PROVIDE ONLY TENTATIVE INDICATION OF BDG CONCERNS AT THIS STATE.

2. FROM AUGUST 26 AND 27 CONVERSATIONS WITH RELEVANT JT. SECRETARIES IN FINANCE AND PLANNING MINISTRIES, WE OFFER FOLLOWING INTERIM RESPONSES TO PARA 2, REFTEL (A) REQUESTS.

3. GENERAL. BANGLADESH IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED AT PRESENT WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS OF UTILIZING ITS OWN AND FOREIGN RESOURCES: THAT IS, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION. IN ADDITION, THE BDG IS GIVING PRIORITY ATTENTION AT PRESENT TO COMMUNCIATIONS CND TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS.

4. IMPORTANT PROPOSALS BANGLADESH MAY RAISE. THE VISIT THIS FAWW
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OF IBRD PRESIDENT ROBERT MCNAMARA WILL UNQUESTIONABLY BE DISCUSSED

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WITH SENIOR BANK OFFICIALS DURING THE MEETING. THERE IS ALSO CONSIDERABLE CONCERN OVER THE PACE OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF FOURTH IDA REPLENISHMENT AND OUTLOOK FOR THE FIFTH REPLENISHMENT (SEE BELOW).

5. BILATERAL ISSUES. BANGLADESH IS CONSIDERING RAISING PL-480 QUESTION WITH US DELEGATES. WHILE NO DEFINITE DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN, BOTH JOINT SECRETARIES NAMED THIS MATTER AS LIKELY TO BE RAISED. WE ASSUME THAT BANGLADESH FOOD AID NEEDS WILL BE STRESSED AGAINST THEIR CONCERNS OVER FARAKKA EFFECTS AND THIS YEAR'S MILD FLOODING. BDG OFFICIALS WILL DOUBTLESS ALSO ARGUE THEIR IMPROVED FOOD POLICIES (E.G., PROCUREMENT) MERIT STRONG US SUPPORT. WAYS THE US MIGHT ASSIST THE BDG TO DISBURSE US PROJECT LOANS MORE EFFICIENTLY MIGHT ALSO BE RAISED. (AS USAID/W AWARE, SUCH POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION HERE FOR PAST SEVERAL MONTHS.)

6. THE US DELEGATION SHOULD BE AWARE OF OUR EFFORTS TO SETTLE OUTSTANDING CLAIMS, BOTH TO COLLECT COOLEY LOANS (DACCA 4273) AND TO OBTAIN COMPENSATION FOR US PROPERTIES NATIONALIZED IN 1972 (E.G., DACCA 4433).

7. BDG DELEGATION LISTED REFTEL (B).

8. AS NOTED REFTEL (B), WE EXPECT TO HAVE A FAR MORE ACCURATE PICUTRE OF THE BDG BRIEF FOR THE IMF/IBRD ANNUAL MEETING IN THE THIRD WEEK OF SEPTEMBER AFTER AFTER THAT BRIEF HAS BEEN AGREED UPON WITHIN THE BDG. IN THE MEANTIME, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL HERE IF DEPARTMENT COULD SEND US FOR USE WITH BDG OFFICIALS A BRIEF STATE OF US CONTRIBUTION TO IDA IV TO DATE, THOSE REMAINING TO BE PAID, AND WHATEVER MAY BE SAID ABOUT THE OUTLOOK FOR IDA V.
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